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of potato production spent three days from August 8 to 10 in Aroostook County, Maine, inspecting potato fields and discussing problems of certification and production. A formal program was rendered.

STEPS were taken recently by the Boston Chamber of Commerce to organize a New England Research Council to study the food supply and marketing problems of the region. President K. L. Butterfield, of the Massachusetts College, was elected chairman of the groups of agricultural colleges and the federal and state departments of agriculture and other agencies interested in the formation of the council.

WE learn from the *Journal* of the American Medical Association that members of the British Medical Association have been asked to contribute five shillings each in answer to the appeal for help from Russian medical men and their families. Up to July 3 \$3,500 had been received.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

THE will of the late William Sloane makes bequests to public institutions amounting to about \$600,000, including Yale University, \$100,000; the Presbyterian Hospital, \$100,000; New York Public Library, \$50,000; Metropolitan Museum of Art, \$50,000; American Museum of Natural History, \$50,000; Robert College of Constantinople, \$10,000, and Yale Foreign Missionary Society for the institution known as "Yale in China" at Changshau, \$10,000.

By the will of the late Rollin D. Salisbury, of the University of Chicago, his estate, amounting to \$125,000, is left in trust to his two sisters, on whose death one third goes to the University of Chicago for the endowment of scientific fellowships and \$2,500 to Beloit College. Two former associates of Dr. Salisbury in geological research, Dr. Wallace W. Atwood, now president of Clark University, and Dr. Harlan H. Barrows, head of the University of Chicago department of geography, will share in the division of Dr. Salisbury's library.

DR. J. SCHNEIDER, of Milwaukee, has been elected "honorary senator" by the University of Würzburg in recognition of his donation of 3,000,000 marks to the university on the recent anniversary of its foundation, 340 years ago.

DR. R. FITZ, professor of medicine in the Mayo Foundation and chief of a medical section, has become associate professor of medicine at Harvard University and visiting physician at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston.

DR. WILLIAM C. ROSE, professor of biological chemistry at the medical school of the University of Texas, has been appointed associate professor of physiological chemistry at the University of Illinois.

DR. WILBUR C. SMITH, since 1916 professor of anatomy in Tulane University, has been appointed director of athletics.

DR. CHARLES B. MCGILMURPHY has been appointed assistant professor of pathology at Northwestern University Medical School. He has been working in Vienna for the past two years.

MR. R. M. WILSON, at present principal of the East Anglian Institute of Agriculture, Chelmsford, has been appointed principal of the South-Eastern Agricultural College, Wye.

DR. J. S. DUNN has been appointed to the Procter chair of pathology and pathological anatomy at Manchester in succession to Professor H. R. Dean.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

METEORITE HUNTING

TO THE EDITOR OF SCIENCE: The experience of the writer in "meteor chasing" fully corroborates those of Dr. Merrill as related in SCIENCE for June 23. The general inability of the observers to furnish reliable data of the event can scarcely be exaggerated. Despite this, however, the writer has in two instances succeeded in "running to earth" the meteorite and securing a large portion if not all of it.

He also has to announce the recent obtaining of two pieces of meteoric iron (siderites) which were plowed up by a farmer in making